

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

September 9, 2017

The Value Is In The Owner

The story is told of an American tourist in Paris who picked up an amber necklace in a trinket shop. When he arrived at New York and went through customs he was shocked at the high duty he had to pay for the necklace. So when he came home, he spoke with a jeweler and the jeweler told him he would give \$25,000 for the necklace. The man was stunned and suspected that there was a reason for the offer. So he took the necklace to an expert who appraised it at an astronomical amount.

When he asked the appraiser what made the necklace so valuable, he told him to look into the magnifying glass and see for himself. When he placed his eye next to the glass, he saw an inscription which read: "From Napoleon Bonaparte to Josephine." It was the name on the necklace that gave it extraordinary worth.

We have no intrinsic value -- that is to say, we are not of great value because of who we are or what we've accomplished. Our value is determined by the One who bought us and owns us. Those of us who are Christians have the name of Christ "stamped" on our lives to remind us who we are and

whose we are. Knowledge of this truth causes us to rethink what we do with our lives.

For example, if you have an old pair of ragged tennis shoes, you may think nothing of getting out in a muddy garden to do some work. But if you're wearing an expensive pair of dress shoes, you'll be hesitant to wear them in the mud. The value of what you're wearing will keep you from going certain places and doing certain things.

Paul says that's why we as Christians should avoid sexual immorality (as well as other misuses of the body). If our bodies were of little value (as some believe), we would think nothing of "dragging them through the mud." But knowing the value of our bodies, we're forced to think twice about where we go and what we do.

"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." (I Cor. 6:20).

Look closely at the inscription on your life. You'll notice the name of the One who bought you and owns you. Your value just went up!

— Allan Smith

Your Major Investment Decision

*Where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.*

— Matthew 6:21

Here is the shortest course on investment decisions ever presented: *"No one can serve two masters ... You cannot serve both God and Money" (Matt. 6:24).*

It isn't a course that we send our children to the university to sign up for. It doesn't promote what we have pursued in our own University of Life. And it doesn't boast many graduates.

Reveal what you treasure and you reveal the address of your heart's home. When your major goal is stacking it up here instead of storing it up there, you've made your life's major investment decision.

“What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?” (Matt. 16:26).

*Your treasure and your heart aren't
partitioned; they live in the same room.*

— Joe Barnett

Titus 3:14 Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

Ephesians 4:28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need.

Special Collection

We are all very much aware of the terrible tragedy which has devastates the gulf regions. This event will turn out to be the worst natural disaster thus far in American history. The death toll has not yet been tabulated, but the disruption and human suffering is beyond measure. Sadly, a host of God's people are among those whose homes are under water, who have lost all their earthly possessions and whose means of livelihood has washed away. In Houston alone there are more than 16,000 member of the Lord's church and there are thousands more in the affected communities in that area. Therefore, we will take up a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey next Sunday morning. We will take up our regular collection to sustain the work of our congregation and then pass the plates a second time for the “pressing needs” in gulf area. This is a freewill offering, so the elders thought to give us a week to prepare for it. Got questions contact me or one of the elders.

— Wayne

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing : Baby wipes (need to be unscented and alcohol free) Sample containers or travel size of shampoo, conditioner, foot powder, lotion, shower gel, body wash, mouthwash.

NEXT WEEK : (**September 10, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Tim**

Scripture Reader : **Butch**

Table & Announcements : **Greg**

Please pray for our 10th annual area-wide singing which is scheduled for October 28 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. We would also urge you to begin inviting you friends.

Prayer list :

Rosanne : Rose can now get around some with a walker

Brenda Stevens : Brenda is scheduled for surgery to repair two of her broken vertebra. The surgery will be tomorrow at the pain center in Sarah Bush Hospital in Mattoon.

Megan Nichols : No real update; Megan's condition remains largely unchanged.

Ron Bartanen : significant health issues, needs prayers

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Doris, Mary Smith, Marg, Pete & Hazel, Betty, Francis

Other members with ongoing issues :

Rosanne: Rose is now able to put a little weight on her injured leg. It's slow going but she can get around some with a walker

Madonna : Madonna's chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Improving, but issues remain / surgery

Mindy Stevens : Due to an immune system issue, having significant problems with infections in organ systems and mono.

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jannetta Calvert : Remains basically the same. She is dealing with pain, but has a positive attitude. She enjoys visitors. Her in room 305 at the Heritage Manor on 6th St. in Pana

Ernie Wasson : He is having on going problems with strokes,

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes. Stabilized, but remains an ongoing problem.

*** Each day as you pray for those on this list, always include our congregation and her elders.**

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Ya'll Come !